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Re: Burn Awareness Week Poster Contest

Attention: All Grade Five, Six, Seven and Eight Teachers

In recognition of Burn Awareness Week in Manitoba, which is February 2nd to February 8th, 2020, the Office of the Fire Commissioner and the Manitoba Firefighters' Burn Fund would like to invite students in Grades 5 to 8 to submit their original artwork featuring fire and burn prevention safety messages for a provincial poster contest.

Each year an estimated 9,000 children in Canada visit hospital emergency rooms for burn treatments, and almost half have suffered scalds from hot liquids. Most Canadian parents do not know that the most common cause of burn injuries to children is not from fire but from hot liquid scalds, such as spilled hot drinks and tap water. (Source: Safe Kids Canada)

Prizes will be awarded to four students, one from each grade 5, 6, 7 and 8 selected from entries submitted throughout the province of Manitoba. **Winners will receive a \$200 gift card for the LEGO Store, safety materials for their classmates and teacher as well as a cash prize from the Firefighters' Burn Fund for their school.** The winning posters will be displayed on the Office of the Fire Commissioner and the Manitoba Firefighters' Burn Fund websites for one year as well as published on the Fire Prevention Week Brochures in the fall of 2020.

Posters should reflect one area of fire/burn prevention. You can see examples on our website: www.firecomm.gov.mb.ca/safety_baw.html

The Office of the Fire Commissioner looks forward to receiving a submission from your students for the poster contest. If you have any questions concerning the contest, please do not hesitate to e-mail us at firesafety@gov.mb.ca. Please see the rules and prize information for you to share with your students.

The deadline for submissions is April 3, 2020.

On behalf of the Office of the Fire Commissioner, I would like to thank you for being our partners in making Manitoba a safer place to live, learn, work and play!

Sincerely,

Kelly McLean

Fire and Life Safety Educator